

Freeway advisory team to discuss noise Thursday

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A report on noise that the proposed South Mountain Loop 202 would generate and how the Arizona Department of Transportation plans to reduce the impacts on Ahwatukee Foothills homes is on the agenda when the South Mountain Citizens Advisory Team meets June 26.

The meeting runs Thursday from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at South Mountain Community College, 7050 S. 24th St., in the student union.

It is the first meeting after the Arizona Transportation Board approved a 30-year plan, which includes \$1.1 billion for the South Mountain Loop 202 to cover the rising cost. But the transportation plan relies on voters, who must approve a one-cent sales tax hike in November to provide funds needed to pay for the projects.

It is also the first meeting since the Kyrene Elementary School District Governing Board approved a motion opposing the freeway that they said would impact four elementary schools and a middle school.

The motion, approved June 10, cited fears over noise, air pollution and increased traffic on Liberty Lane on which several of the schools front.

The Citizens Advisory Team was formed by ADOT to help advise the state as it updates the original 1985 plan for the Loop 202 from Interstate 10 in Ahwatukee Foothills, west through South Mountain Park and then north to reconnect with Interstate 10 near 55th Avenue.

The meeting is open to the public. For more information, call (602) 712-7006 or visit www.azdot.gov/valleyfreeways.

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